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2 beaten women found dead in Oakland

Oakland police were investigating two strikingly similar homicides yesterday that appeared to be unrelated.

A woman's body was found at 1850 11th St. about 1:30 a.m. yesterday, police Sgt. Dan Voznick said. The white female appears to have been beaten up and might have been dumped in the industrial area, near the end of a dead-end street.

Voznick said the woman was about 25 years old, 5-foot-6 and weighed about 125 pounds. She was wearing a pink shirt and black skirt and police found no identification near her body.

A second woman's body was found 12 hours later in a densely wooded area along Skyline Boulevard. The black female, age 25 to 30, was spotted by a

resident of the area who was out on a walk on Easter Sunday, Voznick said.

The woman, 5-foot-6 to 5-foot-8 and weighing 150 pounds, was wearing a red Gucci sweatshirt and red sweat pants. Her body was found 40 feet off Skyline, east of Castle Drive, down an embankment.

She appeared to have been beaten up and her body dumped there, he said.

Voznick said the Alameda County Coroner's Office will perform autopsies on both women today.

He said if anyone has any clue about the identity of either woman, call the Oakland Police Department Homicide Unit at 273-3821.

Victim of brutal sexual assault found dead in park

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A woman was found dead in the Arroyo Viejo Park early yesterday morning, the apparent victim of a brutal sexual assault.

Police found the fully clothed body behind a bush and a park fence shortly after 6 a.m., 200 yards from the park's entrance near 79th Avenue.

Officer Bruce White said the body was that of a black female,

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in her 20s, of medium complexion, a short natural hairstyle, thin and of average height. She also had two surgical scars on her lower abdomen.

She was wearing a striped gray knit coat and blue jeans with the label "Bortina" over each of the front pockets.

Although the exact cause of death is not known, White said

the woman appeared to have been sexually assaulted, beaten, stabbed and strangled.